

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Dee Brown, on April 8, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)  
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing and Date Posted: HB 454, 3/26/2015; SR 33, 3/26/2015; SR 47, 3/26/2015

Executive Action: SR 33 - Be Adopted  
SR 47 - Be Adopted  
HB 483 - Be Concurred In

00:00:39 Chair Brown

00:00:50 Sen. Malek assumed the role as chair.

**HEARING ON SR 33**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:14 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SR 33, Confirm appointees for board of county printing & MT facility finance authority.

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts70a01)

00:01:38 Sen. Kary entered the hearing. Sen. Webb left the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:19 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties

00:06:11 Michelle Barstad, executive director, Montana Facility Finance Authority

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:08:16 Sen. Brown

**HEARING ON SR 47**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:08:49 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SR 47, Confirm appointees to board of veterans' affairs.

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts70a02)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

00:13:35 Joe Foster, division administrator, Department of Military Affairs

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:14:07 Sen. Brown

00:15:05 Recess  
00:30:02 Reconvene

**HEARING ON HB 454**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:30:18 Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 454, Revising how political party may select committee representatives for precincts.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Rep. Rob Cook (00:40:39 timestamp)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:36:05 Dave Ponte, self, Gallatin County  
00:38:23 Will Deschamps, state chairman, Montana Republican Party  
00:40:39 Rep. Rob Cook, HD 18 (as a proponent)  
00:41:29 Dan Happel, Madison County Republican Central Committee  
00:43:42 Mike Hopkins, self; former chairman, Montana Federation of College Republicans  
00:47:36 Judy Tankink, self, Great Falls

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00:53:49 Sheridan Buck, self, Great Falls; Cascade County Republican Committee  
00:57:41 Rudolph Tankink, self  
01:00:36 Rep. Randy Pinocci, HD 19  
01:01:19 Jan Hamman, self, Jefferson County  
01:02:07 Mark French, self, Sanders County  
01:08:22 Becky Stockton, self, Helena  
01:09:27 Julie Wolf, self, Great Falls

**Informational Testimony:**

01:10:14 Mike Fellows, chairman, Montana Libertarian Party

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:11:04 Sen. Hinkle  
01:11:25 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
01:11:41 Sen. Hinkle  
01:11:54 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
01:12:00 Sen. Hinkle  
01:12:09 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
01:12:14 Sen. Hinkle  
01:12:44 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
01:13:50 Sen. Hinkle  
01:14:08 Rep. Fitzpatrick

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:15:04 Rep. Fitzpatrick

01:16:36 Chair Brown

01:17:35 Sen. Driscoll

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 33**

01:18:13 **Motion:** Sen. Driscoll moved that **SR 33 BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

01:18:41 Chair Brown

01:18:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Webb voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 47**

01:19:16 **Motion:** Sen. Driscoll moved that **SR 47 BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

01:19:28 Chair Brown

01:19:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Webb voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 483**

01:20:17 **Motion:** Sen. Driscoll moved that **HB 483 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:20:23 Chair Brown

01:21:25 Sen. Kary

01:21:53 Chair Brown

01:21:57 Sen. Malek

01:22:30 Sen. Hinkle

01:22:40 Chair Brown

01:23:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Webb voted by proxy.  
Sen. Connell will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:25 P.M.

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sts70aad.pdf](#))